



TOWN OF ROCKLAND

Board of Selectmen

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2009 7 p.m.

H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM

TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET

ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

BOS Meeting 7pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Chiocca explained Mr. Johnson was would be late due to MBTA issues.

1. OPEN FORUM

Police Chief Llewellyn asked the BOS to give him authorization to be the signing authority for purposes of administering the 911 Grant.

~Motion by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 4-0.

Chief Llewellyn also asked the BOS approve a memorandum of agreement for the Rockland Police and Old Colony Mutual Aid Task Force.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee to have the Chairman of the BOS sign the agreement, passed 4-0.

2. Executive Session Minutes-December 15, 2008

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed 3-0-1(Z)

3. Open Session Minutes-December 15, 2008

~Motion to approve by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien, passed 4-0

4. N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Southfield Update-

Update provided to the BOS by Chairman Simpson and Rockland's SSTTDC Representative Gerry Eramo regarding LNR and the Southfield development.

6. Appointment of Interim Fire Chief-

Fire Chief Sammon retired effective January 3, 2009.

- ~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to appoint Deputy Chief Bill Ferguson as Interim Fire Chief, passed 4-0.
- ~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska to begin the process of looking for a permanent Chief passed 4-0. Mr. Chiocca to present the BOS with options at their next meeting.
7. **Local Aid**
Selectman Mike Johnson arrived during discussion
Discussion took place regarding potential cuts or reductions in Local Aid both possibly this year and during fiscal FY10. Senator Morrissey has sent a letter outlining his concerns.
 8. **Sexual Harassment Policy**
Mr. Johnson discussed the current policy and possible changes to the town's current policy. Mr. Chiocca to make revisions and distribute for next meeting.
~Motion to table until 1/20 by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0
 9. **Anti Fraud Policy**
Discussion regarding establishment of policy referred to Town Counsel
~Motion to table by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska
 10. **Internet Policy**
The BOS discussed alternatives to the current internet policy
~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, to keep the current policy.
 11. **Police Surplus Vehicles**
Mr. Chiocca reported awarding the bid for the two surplus police vehicles recently advertised. The vehicles were sold for \$1082.00.
 12. **N/A**

NEW BUSINESS

13. **8 p.m. -Community Opportunity Group Public Hearing**
Wayne Darraugh of the Community Opportunity Group, the Town of Rockland's Community Development Block Grant Coordinator made a presentation to the BOS
Mr. Darraugh discussed with the BOS the main objectives of this year's Block Grant request. Rockland is seeking funds for the McKinley School Elevator, replacement of Union Street sidewalks. Mr. Darraugh also updated the BOS on the ongoing Block grants program.
~Motion to keep hearing open until Jan. 20, 2009 by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.
14. **Library Certification Hearing January 8, 2009**
BOS informed hearing to be held on January 8, 2009 to receive waiver of the FY2009 Municipal Appropriation Requirement(MAR). Director Brown, Trustee Looney, and Finance Committee Chairman Minahan to attend and make presentation.
15. **National Grid Pole Hearing-relocation of pole #60 Webster Street**

~Motion to open hearing by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.
National Grid representative appeared to request relocation of pole #60.
~Motion to close hearing by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.
~Motion to approve pole relocation by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson
passed 5-0.

16. N/A

17. **Deficit Spending Snow and Ice**

Discussion took place regarding the deficit and snow removal in the downtown.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska to include the Registration number and Vehicle Identification number on all invoices from the Highway Department for plowing, 2nd by Mr. Johnson
Passed 3-1-1(Simpson No, O'Brien abstained)

~Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Johnson

18. **Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Chiocca reminded BOS they need to set date for Annual Town Meeting at next meeting. The BOS should also open the Annual TM warrant on January 20, 2009

20. through 29. N/A

30. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

~BOS informed legislation progressing to validate May 4, 2008 STM and TM.

~Reminder of January 21, 2009 area BOS meeting in Pembroke at 7:30pm

~Discussed with BOS "shovel-ready" project request from Lt Gov.'s office

~Request from SS Voc. School for toll booth fundraiser.

Motion to table by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, passed 5-0.

~Informed BOS of upcoming meeting with Citizens Energy Corp.

~Notice from Rockland Sewer Dept. regarding illegal dumping of water into town drainage.

~Read "Freedom Team Salute Commendation" presented to Veteran's Agent Anton Maturana.

~Informed BOS the Assessor's Office would be reopening of Wednesdays

~Congratulated Interim Fire Chief Ferguson on appointment.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Motion by Mr. Chaffee, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska, to appoint Mr. Chiocca Dog Hearing Officer

EXECUTIVE SESSION for strategy and non-union negotiation

Motion to go into Executive Session by Mr. Simpson 2nd by Mr. Chaffee, passed by roll call 5-0

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